Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

August 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.1 percent between July 2008 and August 2008 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.2 percent. The Regina All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 percent, while the Saskatoon All-items Index was unchanged during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the August All-items Index increased from July 2008 primarily due to higher prices for mortgage interest cost, housing replacement cost and rent. Prices also rose for bakery products, fresh fruit, personal care services and personal care supplies and equipment.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for gasoline, women's and men's clothing, and telephone services. Prices also fell for fresh vegetables, sugar and confectionery and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.4 percent between August 2007 and August 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 3.5 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.7 percent and 3.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The August All-items Index increased from August 2007 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, mortgage interest cost, housing replacement cost and rent. Prices also rose for homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, other owned accommodation expenses and food purchased from restaurants.

These increases were partially offset by decreased prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, women's and men's clothing and natural gas. Prices also fell for the purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles) and home entertainment equipment – parts and services.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	August 2008	July 2008	July 2008 to August 2008	August 2007 to August 2008
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	117.0	116.9	0.1	3.4
Food	117.1	115.9	1.0	4.8
Shelter	135.8	135.2	0.4	8.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.5	101.4	0.1	0.8
Clothing and Footwear	94.0	95.5	-1.6	-2.8
Transportation	118.4	120.1	-1.4	3.0
Health and Personal Care	106.6	105.1	1.4	0.5
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.4	104.4	0.0	-0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	129.1	128.5	0.5	2.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.8	113.3	0.4	2.7
Energy	147.4	150.9	-2.3	9.3
CANADA				
All-Items	115.6	115.8	-0.2	3.5
Food	116.8	116.5	0.3	4.5
Shelter	123.8	123.3	0.4	5.3
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.4	104.4	0.0	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	93.7	93.3	0.4	-1.8
Transportation	123.1	125.7	-2.1	5.8
Health and Personal Care	109.3	108.5	0.7	1.6
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.5	103.2	0.3	0.6
Tobacco and Alcohol	127.5	127.6	-0.1	1.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	111.7	111.5	0.2	1.8
Energy	164.0	169.1	-3.0	20.2
REGINA				
All-Items	116.4	116.3	0.1	3.7
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.1	118.1	0.0	3.5

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	July 2008 to August 2008	August 2007 to August 2008
Canada	-0.2	3.5
Newfoundland	-0.4	4.2
Prince Edward Island	-0.6	4.8
Nova Scotia	-0.1	4.4
New Brunswick	-0.5	2.6
Quebec	-0.5	3.1
Ontario	-0.3	3.5
Manitoba	0.0	3.4
Saskatchewan	0.1	3.4
Alberta	0.6	4.0
British Columbia	-0.2	3.3
Whitehorse	0.1	4.4
Yellowknife	0.3	5.2
Iqaluit	0.5	3.0

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	July 2008 to August 2008	August 2007 to August 2008
St. John's	-0.4	4.2
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.5	4.7
Halifax	0.0	4.2
Saint John	-0.5	2.7
Quebec City	-0.5	3.0
Montreal	-0.5	3.0
Ottawa	-0.2	3.5
Toronto	-0.2	3.7
Thunder Bay	-0.2	3.3
Winnipeg	0.1	3.4
Regina	0.1	3.7
Saskatoon	0.0	3.5
Edmonton	0.0	3.8
Calgary	1.1	4.3
Vancouver	-0.2	3.5
Victoria	-0.1	2.9
Whitehorse	0.1	4.4
Yellowknife	0.3	5.2
Iqaluit	0.5	3.0

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